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Grand Staircase. Fast Facts.docx

*ERWP CC and signatory partners:* I just received this in my e-inbox. There is a very short time to get ERWP partners to decide whether to submit any kind of statement on behalf of the partnership, but partner organizations or individuals may wish to do so on their own behalf. I recognize that partner government entities probably cannot take such an action, but have included those representatives in this email for transparency purposes. Due date is Tue Feb 14, 11 am.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** John Holland [b]()>  
**Sent:** Fri, Feb 10, 2017 3:18 pm  
**Subject:** Garfield County Resolution to Redefine GSENM Boundaries

Greetings,  
 For your information Garfield County Commission will introduce their Resolution in support of shrinking Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) this coming Tuesday, February 14 between 11 am and noon in their revised, scheduled Commission Meeting. The resolution will quite likely be the same as the one passed in Kane County last week which I have attached to this message. The outcome of this action by the Commission will very likely be a unanimous endorsement of the resolution. We know support for the Monument is divided in the towns around the Monument but showing some opposition to the resolve of the County Commission can be important and empowering.

As described at the bottom of the Kane County resolution, this non-binding action by Garfield County will become part of the "overwhelming evidence" likely to be presented to the United States Congress some day in the future in order to move Congress to act accordingly to make the monument smaller.

You are encouraged to attend the Commission meeting to speak out and to add your voice to the record of opposition to this notion of making GSENM smaller. I have also attached the GSENM fact sheet which can help to create a unified message of opposition which will become just as challenging but quite important should legislation be eventually introduced in the U.S. House or Senate. Thanks to Nicole at GSENM Partners ([gsenm.org](http://gsenm.org)) for the fact sheet! I know that Nicole and everyone at Partners is working tirelessly to build on the existing support for GSENM.

I will be in Salt Lake City at the State Capital and will not be in attendance in Panguitch on Tuesday but I hope you will consider an appearance at the Commission Meeting. I will be visiting with legislators on Monday and Tuesday and will have my chance to make my case for leaving GSENM as it was originally designated.

Please feel free to forward my message to others who may be willing to make the trip to Panguitch on Tuesday.

Thanks!  
John

Here's the Garfield County Agenda taken from the State Public Notice Board: (The item is under "Public Works Business")

**Entity:** Garfield County

**Body:** Garfield County Commission

**Subject:** County Government

**Notice Title:** February 14, 2017 Commission Meeting

**Notice Type:** Notice, Meeting

**Event Start Date & Time:** February 7, 2017

**Description/Agenda:**

10:00 am ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

11:00 am 1. Adoption of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes January 23, 2017

3. Executive Session

4. Board Reports

5. Sheriff's Office Business

11:15 am 6. Public Works Business

Land Lease - Bryce Canyon Towing Scott Walters

Monument Resolution

11:30 am 7. Planning Department Business

11:45 am 8. Youth Baseball Clint Barney

11:50 am 9. Five County Community Fire Plans Bevin Killpack

12:00 noon 10. Site Planning Project Alberto Vasquez

11. Department Business

Travel Council Board

12. Other Business

Five County E-Cigarette Information

Region and State Basketball Tournament Sponsorship

13. Accounts payable



## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF A MEETING OF THE KANE COUNTY COMMISSION

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**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commissioners of Kane County, State of Utah, will hold a **Commission Meeting** in the Commission Chambers at the Kane County Courthouse, 76 N Main St., Kanab Utah on **MONDAY February 6, 2017** at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

1. **Approval of Kane Co. intent to identify the Minimum area necessary of the GSENM, Resolution R-2017-1/ Commissioner Clayson**
2. **Letter supporting the Utah Mining Association position of California Carbon Tax/ Commissioner Matson**

### **Closed Session:**

- Discussing an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health.
- Strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, or the purchase, exchange lease or sale of real property.
- Discussions regarding security personnel, devices or systems.
- Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify Karla Johnson at (435) 644-2458.

Agenda items may be accelerated or taken out of order without notice as the Administration deems appropriate.

All items to be placed on the agenda must be submitted to the Clerk's office by noon Wednesday, prior to the meeting date.

**KANE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. R 2017 -1**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING KANE COUNTY'S INTENT  
TO IDENTIFY THE MINIMUM AREA NECESSARY FOR  
THE GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument (GSENM) was created in 1996 by Presidential Proclamation 6920 without any input or support from Kane or Garfield Counties, their citizens, their public officials, or the State of Utah; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSENM was created without consideration of roads, local economies, customs, culture and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, GSENM has resulted in diminished grazing rights, energy and mineral rights, public road access, state trust land properties, and resource use and preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 20 years the GSENM has had a negative impact on the prosperity, development, economy, custom, culture, heritage, educational opportunities, health, and well-being of local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, establishment of GSENM has resulted in a 44% reduction in Escalante High School enrollment (from 151 to 67) since September, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, establishment of GSENM has resulted in loss of business opportunity and out-migration of families, workers and jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, boundary adjustments are authorized by law and are needed to protect the prosperity, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kane and Garfield Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, boundary adjustments identified by Garfield and Kane Counties are essential to the protection of health, safety, welfare, prosperity, custom, culture, and commercial opportunities for their citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, boundary adjustments identified by Garfield and Kane Counties are necessary for optimizing multiple-use and sustained-yield including: 1) access to public lands, 2) commerce, 3) development, and protection of natural resources, 4) traditional recreational resource values, 5) traditional cultural and historical values, 6) agricultural livestock and forest products industries, and 7) other activities vital to the custom, culture and well-being of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of lands as monument has reduced the ability to actively manage for land health issues such as: vegetation treatments, erosion control, water management, grazing management, wildlife management activities, and invasive plant control.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR KANE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:**

Kane County, along with Garfield County and the State of Utah, will consult with the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management and create mapping that indicates the minimum acreage necessary to protect the antiquities and objects identified in Presidential Proclamation 6920;

Kane County urges the Utah State Legislature and the Utah federal legislative delegation to support legislative action that will reduce and modify GSENM boundaries to the minimum area necessary to protect antiquities and objects identified in Presidential Proclamation 6920.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

ATTEST:

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KARLA JOHNSON  
Kane County Clerk

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Dirk Clayson, Chair  
Board of Commissioners  
Kane County

Commissioner Clayson voted   
Commissioner Matson voted   
Commissioner Smith voted



# GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE PARTNERS

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PROTECTING THE VAST LANDSCAPE OF  
GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL  
MONUMENT FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT  
OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

## Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument: Myths vs. Facts

The first time Congress considered extensive federal protection for the area now encompassed by the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was 1930 (Barnes, 2009; Rogers 2013). Surrounded by Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Capital Reef National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the Grand Staircase has long been considered worthy of special designation.

Polls consistently demonstrate strong support for the Grand Staircase. The Pew Charitable Trust (2016) found that twice as many Utahans describe the Grand Staircase as good for the state, rather than a bad thing for Utah (52% to 23%). Colorado College Conservation in the West 2016 poll found that the monument designation was good for Utah (45% to 25%).

70% of Utahans believe the Grand Staircase is good for Utah's Tourism industry, and they're right! January – November Tourism Taxes for Garfield and Kane counties, the two counties that are home to the Grand Staircase, totaled nearly 4.6 million dollars! The Escalante Visitor Center saw a 51% increase in visitation from 2015 to 2016.

96.4% of the Monument remains open for grazing. When the Grand Staircase was established in 1996, there were 77,400 permitted Animal Unit Months (the measure for federal permits). In 2016, there were 76,957. Most permits were given up voluntarily due to drought, or in some areas along the Escalante River, sold to the Grand Canyon Trust for higher than market value to protect the fragile riparian zone (Bureau of Land Management, 2016)

Monuments are good for communities of the rural West! Headwaters Economics (2014) found that counties with at least 30% of land with federal protection enjoyed 262% more job growth over the last 40 years than rural counties without the benefit of federally protected federal land.

Demographic and economic change *is* taking place and follows a trend identifiable as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Farming and ranching have been declining, while older citizens with new industries such as tourism, and the supporting industries around it, are moving in (De Alessi, 2010). It's not the fault of the Monument, but natural economic evolution, a trend so common throughout the Western United States it's referred to as the New West (Shumway & Otterstrom, 2001)



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